Rural electrification in Jharkhand

648. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Jharkhand are not yet connected by the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana;

(b) by when all the tribal villages of Jharkhand will be electrified;

(c) the persons/authority who will ensure adequate supply of power to these villages after electrification; and

(d) the person/authority who will do the maintenance of physical infrastructure of these rural electrification?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) All un-electrified/electrified villages in Jharkhand are covered for electrification/intensive electrification under "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana" (RGGVY). Detailed Project Reports have been received recently for 20 districts of Jharkhand out of which projects for 11 districts have been given 'In-Principle' approval so that they can initiate the preliminary activities uptill tendering immediately.

(b) RGGVY aims at electrification of all the un-electrified villages in the entire country, including tribal villages of Jharkhand by 2009.

(c) The State Government has to ensure adequate supply of power to all the villages as per Section 6 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

(d) The concerned Electricity Utility of the State Government is responsible for the maintenance of physical rural electricity infrastructure created under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana.

Capacity addition during Eleventh Five Year Plan

649. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has formed a group that will work towards ensuring that the country can hit the target of adding of capacity of 75,000 MW during 2007-12 the Eleventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Working Group on Power for formulation of Eleventh Plan has been set up by Planning Commission which is required *inter-alia* to recommend the optimal mix of additional generating capacity to be created during the Eleventh Plan in terms of hydro, thermal and nuclear generation on the basis of relative economics of different fuels at different locations. The size of the Eleventh Plan capacity addition programme is dependent upon the recommendation of the Working Group to this effect.

Privatisation of power distribution in Delhi

†650.DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power distribution in Delhi was entrusted to the private sector under power reforms programme;

(b) if so, the date on which it was entrusted to private sector;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to faults in the power distribution system, it is running losses even today; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of NCT of Delhi privatized distribution of electricity on 1.7.2002.

(c) and (d) the distribution companies have been able to reduce the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses more than the target fixed by the Government of NCT of Delhi at the time of privatization. The AT &C losses at the time of privatization and at present are summarized below:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.